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25X1 1. In 1949 or 1950 [ ] the village of Maratice, just  
 25X1 southeast of Uherske Hradiste [4904N-1727E], [ ] an underground ar-  
 25X1 mament plant was to be constructed within the limits of this village, on  
 the east side of the road from Uherske Hradiste to Bilovice [4906N-1734E].

2. A textile factory, most probably a woolen weaving mill, was set up some-  
 time in 1950 in Stare Mesto [4904N-1728E]. This factory was called Buch-  
 lovan. The main building of the factory was constructed in 1949 by the  
 Fatra National Enterprise in Napajedla [4910N-1732E] for production of  
 plastics, but before this production could begin, it was decided to set  
 up a textile factory there, and equipment for textile production was  
 transferred to it from some place in northeast Moravia. The main build-  
 ing was about 100 x 100 m. in size and had a saw-tooth-shaped roof. This  
 was the only production building.

25X1 3. [ ] Spytihnev [ ] radio broadcas-  
 25X1 ting station was set in operation there in the spring of 1952.

25X1 4. The Fatra National Enterprise in Napajedla was set up a few years before  
 the beginning of World War II and produced mostly gas masks. [ ]

25X1 [ ] various plastic goods were produced there after 1945. Among  
 25X1 these were plastic raincoats called Fatrofan. Artificial leather up-  
 25X1 holstery was also probably produced there for the new Czechoslovak four-  
 axle railroad passenger cars which were first set in operation in 1951.

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25X1 Dr. (fnu) FRANTA, [redacted] former general manager of the Fatra Plant, told [redacted] in 1950 that polyvinylchloride was among the plastic raw materials used at the Fatra Plant. Fatra maintained close connections with the Research Institute of the Svit Plant in Gottwaldov. The Fatra Plant consisted of three five-story buildings each about 80 x 20 m. in size. Two of them were constructed sometime between 1945 and 1948, and the third was constructed before World War II. In addition there was a small old building used as a warehouse.

25X1 5. [redacted] excavators were being produced in the village of Babice /4917N-1642E/ by the Machinery Repair Shop (Opravny stroju). [redacted] in the summer of 1952 there was no factory there or industry of any kind.

6. The armament plant in Uhersky Brod /4902N-1739E/ [redacted] Annex B, Point #97 consisted of a complex of buildings constructed to look like normal dwelling houses. The plant dated from before World War II. Shortly after February 1948, Frantisek HRUSKA, who had formerly held a position in the Pilsen Skoda Works, was appointed general manager of this plant. In 1949 he asked the Svit Research Institute in Gottwaldov to try to produce prototypes of nonmetal shoulder plates for guns. The Research Institute produced some samples of shoulder plates from hard rubber and sent them to the armament plant in Uhersky Brod. [redacted]

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7. The Svit National Enterprise, Gottwaldov, Plant in Uhersky Brod was a small machinery production shop which became subordinate to Svit in early 1951. During 1951 this plant produced some textile machinery parts for the Kovosvit National Enterprise in Sezimovo Usti /4923N-1442E/. This production stopped in the fall of 1951, and some new production was begun there. [redacted]

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8. [redacted] in 1949 [redacted] an underground armament plant was being constructed there.

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Rude Eravo for 7 June 1953 mentioned the name Zbrojovka Bojkovice (Armament Plant in Bojkovice).

Annex A: Uherske Hradiste Area  
B: Uhersky Brod Area

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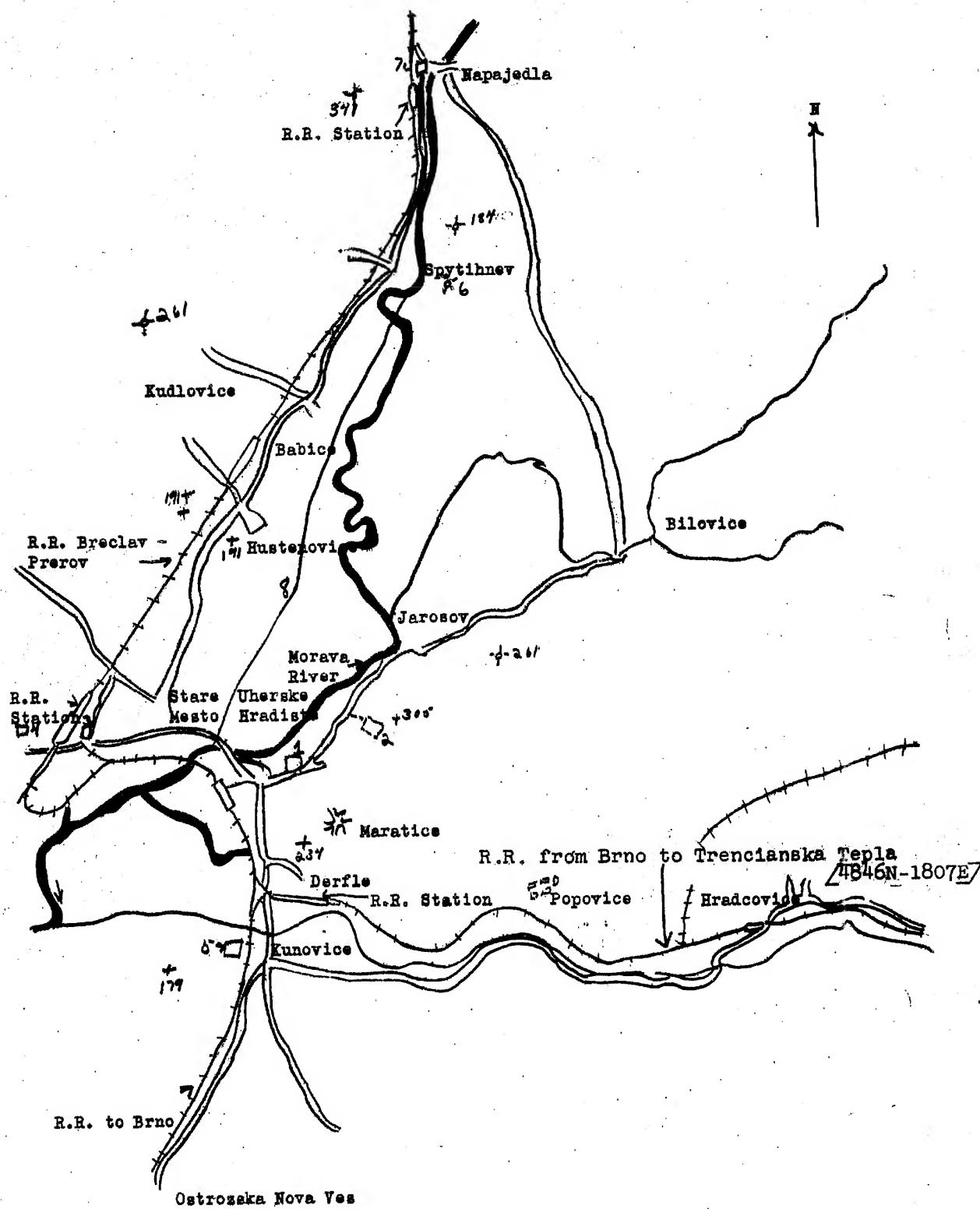
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### Uheriske Hradiste Area



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Point #1. Military Barracks: in Uherske Hradiste

#2. Rumored Underground Armament Plant: at Maratice.

#3. Paint and Varnish Plant: in Stare Mesto. *There is no*

#4. Buchlovan Textile Factory: in Stare Mesto.

25X1X #5. Skoda Airplane Works: in Kunovice  *there was an*  *airfield near them. He does not know the location of the*  *airfield.*

25X1 #6. Rumored Broadcasting Station: in Spytihnev.

#7. Fatra National Enterprise: in Napajedla.

#8. Canal: set in operation in 1939 for transportation of lignite from the Bata lignite mines in Ratiskovice  to the power plant for the Bata Works in Otrokovice . Rude Pravo for 17 May 1953 reported that a new power plant was under construction in Hodonin   which was to be supplied with lignite from the Ratiskovice mines.

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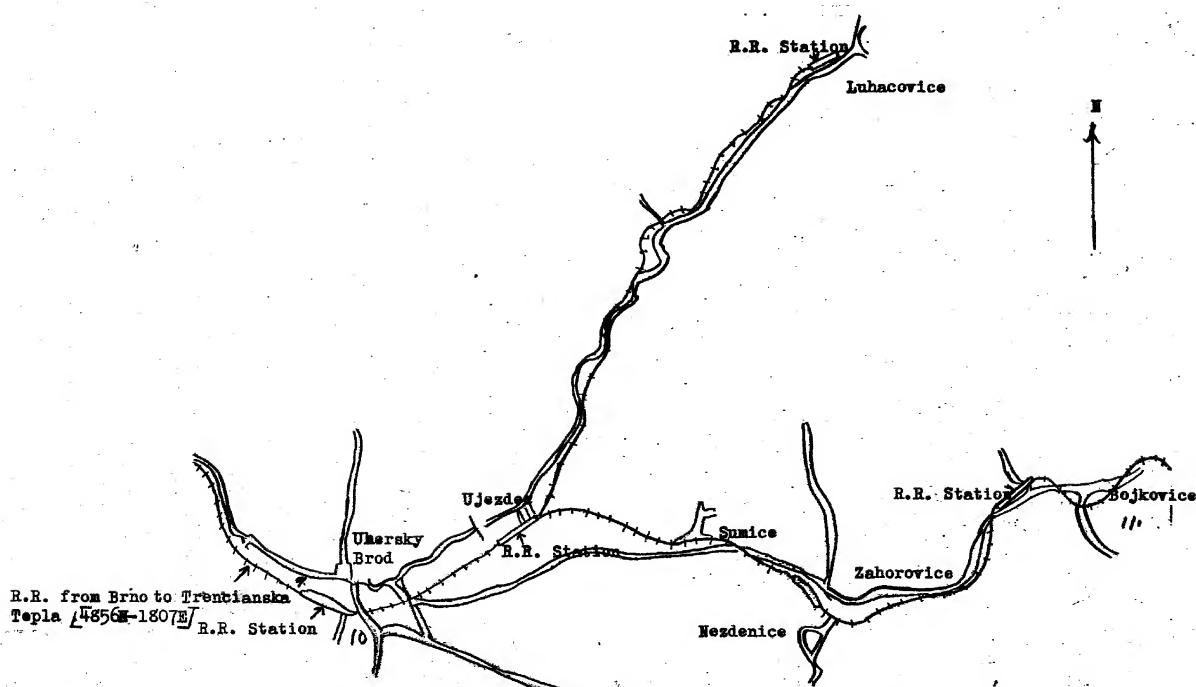
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Point #9. Armament Plant: in Uhersky Brod.

#10. Svit Plant: in Uhersky Brod.

#11. Bojkovice: rumored location of an underground armament plant.

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